GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:158
ANSWERED ON:15.07.2002
RELEASE OF WATER TO TAMIL NADU BY KARNATAKA
P.D. ELANGOVAN;V. VETRISELVAN

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that Karnataka is not abiding by the interim orders of Cauvery River Water Dispute Tribunal to release 205 tmcft water to Tamil Nadu every year;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to intervene into the matter; and

(c) if so, the steps being initiated in this direction?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) to (c) The Central Government has published the Interim Order dated 25th June, 1991 of the Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal (CWDT) in the Official Gazette on 10.12.1991 under Section 6 of the Inter State Water Disputes (ISWD) Act,1956 thus making it final and binding on the parties to the disputes. Party States are now required to give effect to the Interim Order. Further, the Central Government has notified a Scheme under Section 6 A of the ISWD Act, 1956 on 11th August, 1998 consisting of Cauvery River Authority and a Monitoring Committee to give effect to the implementation of the interim order dated 25th June, 1991 of the Tribunal and all its related subsequent orders. The Cauvery River Authority has so far held three meetings and the Monitoring Committee has held 12 meetings. Barring the water years 1995-96 and 2001−2002, when the rainfall has been inadequate, the yearly inflows received in Mettur Reservoir of Tamil Nadu in all the water years since the operation of Interim Order have been more than 205 TMC ft. On the direction of Cauvery River Authority, Central Water Commission prepared a distress sharing formula. The State of Tamil Nadu has expressed that the matter regarding sharing of distress is under consideration of the Tribunal and therefore subjudice. Karnataka stated that in view of the stand taken by Government of Tamil Nadu, the discussion in the matter would not serve any purpose.